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Organization of American States Electoral Observation Mission Arrives In the Bahamas

The Organization of American States Electoral Observation Mission to The Bahamas (OAS/EOM) arrived in Nassau ahead of the May 7 General Elections. The team is led by Chief of Mission Ambassador Alfonso Quiñonez, a former member of the Guatemalan Foreign Service and the current Secretary for External Relations of the OAS.

The OAS/EOM is observing these elections following a formal invitation from the Government of The Bahamas. The team will begin meeting with various stakeholders following the signing of an electoral observation agreement between the OAS and the Parliamentary Registration Department. At the signing ceremony, joined by Parliamentary Commissioner Errol Bethel, the OAS Mission noted the historic nature of the first-ever electoral observation mission to The Bahamas and expressed its gratitude for the invitation from the Bahamian Government.

In the days leading up to the election, the OAS/EOM will meet with representatives of political parties and government officials, as well as members of the media and social organizations, to discuss perspectives on the electoral process and to promote the impartiality, transparency and reliability of the elections. On Election Day, observers will be present from the opening of the polls to the counting and dissemination of the results. The day after the election, the OAS/EOM will present its findings in a press conference and will subsequently present a report to the organization's Permanent Council in Washington, D.C.

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